

Meridian 1 Option 11C Compact Help Topics

- **CD-ROM file structure**
- **Bookmarks, hypertext, buttons and Reader navigational tools**
- **Find and Search tools**
- **Adobe Acrobat Reader and Portable Document Format (PDF)**
- **Troubleshooting**

CD-ROM file structure

The NAVIGATE file is the main menu or home page for this CD-ROM. It contains a comprehensive list of documents in the Meridian 1 Option 11C Compact documentation suite. Click on any document title in the NAVIGATE file to view that file.

If you want to return to the NAVIGATE file now, click the button in the top right hand corner of this file.

The NAVIGATE file also contains the Help button in the bottom right hand corner which links to this file. The Help file cannot be directly accessed in a document file.

Bookmarks, hypertext, buttons and Reader navigational tools

There are four tools to help you navigate within and among files: bookmarks, hypertext, buttons and Reader navigational tools.

Bookmarks

Bookmarks are clickable links which appear in a separate and expandable column to the left of each chapter file. The NAVIGATOR bookmark appears at the top of every bookmark list for access to the main menu. All other bookmarks correspond to section headings which appear in the active file. Click on one of these bookmarks, and you will go to the page where the section heading appears.

Hypertext

Hypertext is a text area that can be clicked to access related files, sections, tables, or graphics. In every section except the Contents section, hypertext is indicated by *red, underlined* text. In the Contents section, all text is hypertext.

Buttons

Buttons are clickable areas that open another file or cause an action, like Quit, to be executed. A button appears at the top of this page which can be clicked to open the NAVIGATOR file.

Reader navigational tools

Acrobat Reader provides six navigational tools on its toolbar. While each tool can be used with a simple mouse click, keyboard shortcuts are also available.



Page up/Page down



Go back/Go forward



Go to the beginning of the file/to the end of the file

Find and Search tools

Acrobat Reader provides two methods to locate specific words or phrases in PDF files: Find and Search.



Find: Sequential word search of active file



Search: Full-text search of all PDF files linked to an Index (index.pdx) file

Using Find

The **Find** tool searches only in the active or open file. The search is performed word-by-word. To use the Find tool, click on the Find icon, enter text in the space provided and click the Find button, or press <Return>.

Using Search

The **Search** tool provides full-text search capabilities of all PDF files linked to an *Index* file. Search is useful for locating a particular word in a documentation library. *Boolean* search commands can even be used to narrow down search results to a document with the greatest level of relevance.

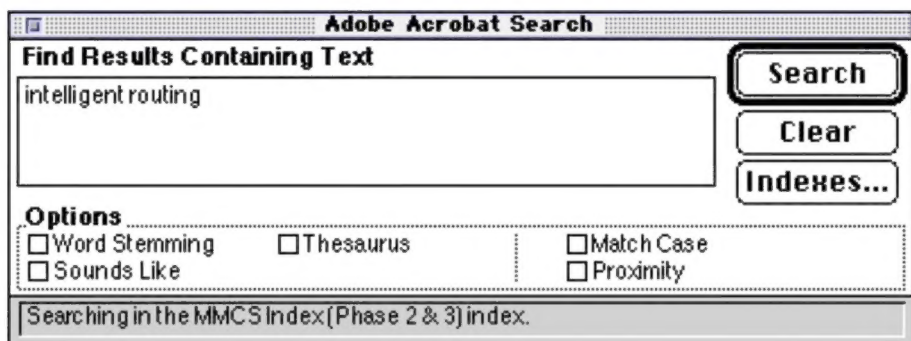
To perform a full-text search, complete the following steps:

- 1 Click the *Search* icon located on the Reader toolbar.
- 2 Enter a word or string of words in the space provided (Boolean search commands can be used).

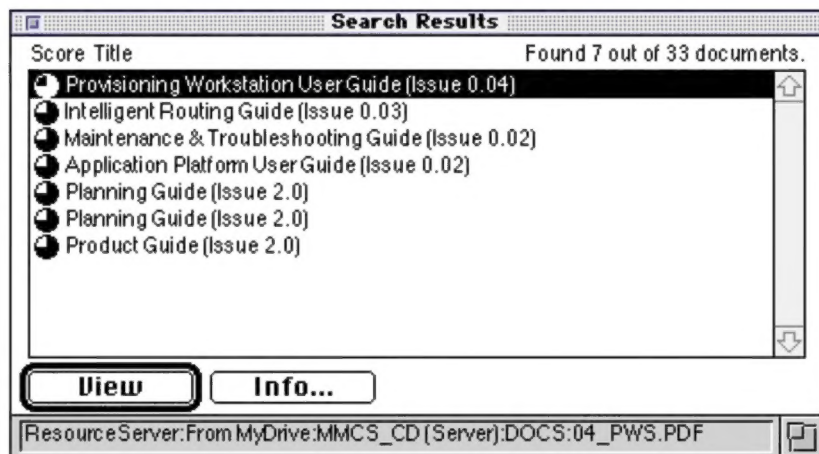
Option 11C Compact Help

5 of 8

- 3 Press the *Search* button (see figure below).



The Search tool then generates a list of documents that contain occurrences of the entered text. To review your search results within an guide, highlight the guide and then press the *View* button.



Adobe Acrobat Reader and Portable Document Format (PDF)

Adobe Acrobat Reader is an application which allows users to view Portable Document Format (PDF) files. Portable Document Format is a proprietary format based on Adobe's industry-standard "postscript" technology.

The Acrobat Reader application provides several options for viewing, navigating and printing PDF files. These options are explained in detail in Adobe's own on-line Help file.

Customizing Acrobat Reader

If you are using this CD-ROM on a regular basis, it would be beneficial to customize Acrobat Reader's **Preferences** file.

Under the "File" menu, choose "Preferences/General." The General Preferences file provides different options for customizing the Reader program. We recommend that you activate these options as follows:

- **Default Page Layout:** Set to "Single Page": this will allow page-by-page scrolling. "Continuous" can be used if you prefer to scroll line-by-line.
- **Default Magnification:** Set to "Fit Page." This setup ensures that files without default magnification settings are displayed in the entire viewing area of your screen.
- **Use Page Cache:** Activate this option. It will usually provide improved efficiency in navigating through documentation files.
- **Open Cross-Document Links in Same Window:** We recommend to activate this option. If used, Acrobat will close the current file after you complete a command that opens another file (such as a bookmark defined to open a separate file).

Note: Disable this option if you want to have multiple PDF files open at the same time.

Troubleshooting

Search tool is “unavailable”

Problem	Acrobat Reader does not permit use of the Search tool. This is indicated by a grey-shaded <i>Search</i> button (not the Search icon).
Solution	Re-establish the PDF link to the CD-ROM's <i>index.pdf</i> file.

If you are experiencing difficulties using Acrobat Search, it is most likely the result of a broken link between the PDF files and the CD-ROM's *Index* file. To fix this problem, complete the following steps:

- 1 Click the *Search* icon located on the Reader toolbar.
- 2 Click the *Indexes...* button.
- 3 Click the *Add* button.
- 4 Double-click on the file named *index.pdf* (this file is located in the DOCS folder on the CD-ROM).

When these steps are completed, you should be able to perform full-text searches of this CD-ROM.

Windows 95: "illegal operation" message

Problem	During operation of this CD-ROM, Windows 95 produces the following message: "This system has performed an illegal operation and will be shut down. ACROD32 executed an invalid instruction in module <unknown> at 0000:00000107 Registers:..."
Solution	Modify the graphics resolution setting for Windows 95 (this is the suggested fix).

If you are experiencing difficulties using Acrobat Reader 3.0 under Windows 95, the following fix might be a work-around:

- 1 Open your *Display* file (Display Properties) located under *Control Panels*.
- 2 Click on the *Settings* tab.
- 3 Change your color palette to one of the following settings:
 - **True color (24 bit):** This is the best setting (if available on your system).
 - **High color (16 bit):** This setting will work, but it will also cause fuzzy images on some systems.
- 4 Restart your computer for the modified display settings to take effect.

If the problem persists, you might have to install Acrobat Reader 2.1 on a Windows 3.1 machine.